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**(54) OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM AND HYDROCARBON COMPOUND**

(57)Abstract:

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To provide an optical recording medium on/from which favorable recording /reproduction by a laser having a wavelength of 300 to 500 nm can be made.

**SOLUTION:** The optical medium has a recording layer containing a hydrocarbon compound in which a fluorene ring and a condensed polycyclic aromatic ring are bonded directly together.